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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Taku KANAOKA et al.

Appln. No.: 10/633,583

Group Art Unit: 2826

Filed: August 5, 2003

Examiner: V. Mandala

For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
THE SAME

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REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE ACTION.

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Action mailed October 1, 2004 contains a requirement for election of Species and a requirement for election of Subspecies. However, the Office Action does not attempt to correlate any of the Subspecies with any of the Species. In the absence of such correlation, Applicants cannot make a meaningful election. More particularly, in order for Applicants to provide an appropriate response, Applicants need to know how the Office considers the Subspecies to be related to the Species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit

any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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